

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on November 14, 2005. In summary of the interview, the prior art was discussed in relation to the pending claims, as well as, possible claim amendments.

Claims 1, 30, 33-35 47, 49 and 50 have been amended; claims 2-18, 26-29, 45, and 56-79 are canceled; and claims 91-112 have been added.

Applicants note that the claim amendments correspond to those suggested by the Examiner in the Interview. Applicants submit that the amendments made herein are fully supported in the Specification, claims and the drawings, as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been introduced. Claims 1, 19-25, 30-44, 46-55, and 80-112 are pending in the present application and are respectfully submitted for reconsideration.

Claims 1, 19-25, 30-34, 46-50, 80, 81, and 85 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,557,722 to DeRose et al. ("DeRose"). Claims 35-38 and 43-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeRose in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,241,671 to Reed et al. ("Reed"). Claims 39-42, 51-52, 82-84, and 86-90 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeRose in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,557,722 to Bernstein et al. ("Bernstein"). Claims 53-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeRose in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,734,891 to Saigh ("Saigh").

Applicant respectfully notes that independent claim 1 has been amended further to the Examiner's suggestions in the Interview and recites a second

component, wherein the second component is a links menu to a plurality of third components. The Applicant submits that none of the cited references discloses or suggests a second component wherein the second component is a links menu to a plurality of third components, as claimed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is allowable over the cited prior art for at least this reason. As claim 1 is allowable, claims 19-25 and 91, which depend from independent claim 1, are allowable for at least this reason.

Amended claim 30 includes providing a menu, the menu including a show links menu, wherein the show links menu displays all available electronic links associated with a selected selectable text element in a first electronic link. Applicant asserts that the cited art does not disclose or suggest at least this combination of limitations and that claim 30 is allowable over the cited prior art for at least this reason. As claim 30 is allowable, claims 31-44 and 46-55, which depend from claim 30, are allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 80 includes the limitation of, in response to a selection of one of the selection options from a user, displaying a links menu. Applicant asserts that the cited art does not disclose or suggest at least this limitation and that claim 80 is allowable over the cited prior art for at least this reason. As claim 80 is allowable, claims 81-85, which depend from claim 80, are allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 86 includes the limitations of receiving a selection of content associated with an electronic book from a user, receiving a selection of additional content from the user, and, in response to a request from the user, creating a link

between the selected content associated with the electronic book and the selected additional content. The Applicant asserts that neither DeRose or Bernstein disclose or suggest at least the combination of receiving a selection of content associated with an electronic book from a user, receiving a selection of additional content from the user, and in response to a request from the user, creating a link between the selected content associated with the electronic book and the selected additional content, as claimed in claim 86. Therefore, Applicants assert that claim 86 is allowable over the cited prior art for at least this reason. As claim 86 is allowable, the Applicant asserts that claims 87-90, which depend from claim 86, are also allowable over the cited prior art for at least this reason.

Applicant asserts that each of new claims 91-112 contains subject matter that is neither disclosed or suggested in the applied art of record, and each is therefore allowable over the cited prior art.


Conclusion

For all of the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1, 19-25, 30-44, 46-55, and 80-112 recites subject matter that is neither disclosed nor suggested in the applied art of record. Applicants also submit that the subject matter is more than sufficient to render the claims non-obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, and therefore respectfully request that claims 1, 19-25, 30-44, 46-55, and 80-112 be found allowable and that this application be passed to issue.

If for any reason, the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper has not been timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300 referencing Attorney Docket No. 026880-00008.

Respectfully submitted,



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